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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Date: September 9, 2002
Robert H. Kincaid :
Serial No.: 09/697,875 : Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: October 26, 2000 :
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS OF : Examiner: B. J. Foreman
DETECTING FEATURES ON A
MICROARRAY

OFFICIAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

An Office Action mailed May 14, 2002 was received for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of one (1) month in order to respond to the Office Action, thereby extending the period for response to September 14, 2002. Authorization to charge the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) is provided on the enclosed Transmittal Letter. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendment.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention, lines 3-26, with the following. A marked-up version of the replaced Abstract that illustrates the actual amendments can be found in the attached Appendix, Part I, at the end of this document.

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A method of making a microarray apparatus with enhanced feature detectability provides for accurate detection of each feature location, regardless of the quality or quantity of signals from hybridized oligomer test